

BIG MILITARY FUNDS URGED

Key To Peace Is Strength,
Senator Kennedy Says

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Washington, Feb. 29—Senator
Kennedy (D., Mass.) today called
for a bigger military budget and
warned the nation that the only
peace possible now is a Roman
peace maintained by "a constant
preparation for war."

In a Senate speech, the hard-
running Democratic Presidential
aspirant urged Congress to act
before the coming summit confer-
ence in a way that will leave
no doubt in the Kremlin about
American intentions.

"Peace, not politics, is at the
heart of the current debate over
the country's defenses," Kennedy
told the senators.

Takes Backhand Slap

The only reason for comparing
our military strength with the
Soviets, he said, is to determine
whether we have enough strength
to persuade them not to use theirs
—and at the same time enough
to "back up our pledges in Berlin,
Formosa and around the world."

Without naming names, the
Massachusetts Senator took a
backhand slap at the tactics of
one of his chief opponents in the
race for the nomination—Senator
Symington (D., Mo.), who has ac-
cused the Eisenhower Administra-
tion of "juggling the intelligence
books . . . in order to balance the
budget books" and of deliberately
"misleading the people."

"I do not challenge the ac-
curacy of our intelligence re-
ports," Kennedy told the Senate.
"I do not charge anyone with in-
tentionally misleading the public
for purposes of deception."

Proposes Three Changes

Calling, instead, for "additional
insurance against a national cat-
astrophe . . . for an investment in
peace," Kennedy told the Senate
that this country must be ready
to buy a Roman peace with
higher taxes, if necessary.

Specifically, he advocated that
three major changes be made in
the proposed \$40,000,000,000 de-
fense budget for the coming year—
changes that would pile more bil-
lions onto the present total.

He urged that money be pro-
vided "to protect our investment
in SAC (the Strategic Air Com-
mand) as long as it is our chief
deterrent."

He asked that enough money
be provided to make it possible
to keep "25 per cent of our nu-
clear striking force in the air at
all times" to prevent their de-
struction by surprise attack.

It has been estimated that this
kind of alert would cost an ad-
ditional \$800,000,000 to \$1,000,000,-
000 a year.

Kennedy also urged that more
money be poured into the Polaris
(submarine-borne missile), Min-
uteman (mobile solid fuel inter-
continental ballistic missile) and the
air-to-ground missile develop-
ment program.

The purpose of this, he said
would be "to hasten the day when a
full, mobile missile force be-
comes our chief deterrent and
closes any gap between ourselves
and the Russians."

The Massachusetts Senator, in
addition, pleaded for "funds to
augment, modernize and provide
increased mobility and versatility
for the conventional forces of the
Army and the Marine Corps."

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